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examiner further rejected claims 19-21 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,720,805 to Hass. (hereinafter "Hass").

Applicant has canceled claims 1-5, 13-23, without prejudice, rendering the Examiner's anticipation rejections moot. Thus, for at least this reason, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this § 102(e) rejections.

New Claims

Applicant has added claims 24-43. Applicant asserts that the new claims are in condition for allowance.

Lye shows an output circuit (70, 72) which is connected to two current sources (I1 and I2) and receives currents of the current sources and produces a differential signal. Cook also shows an output circuit (M1, M2, M3, and M4) which is connected to a current source (M0) and receives a current (I_d) of the current source (M0) and produces an output signal (V_{out}). Haas also shows an output circuit (M1, M2, M3, and M4) which is connected to a current-mirror (M7) and receives a current (I_{OUT}) of the current source (M7) and produces an output signal (OUTP, OUTN).

Lye, Cook, and Hass fail to disclose the output circuit is directly coupled to the operational voltage (VDD) and to ground (VSS/GND). Further, Lye, Cook, and Hass fail to disclose a magnitude of the differential signal is determined based on at least one of a difference of the operational voltage and the control voltage and a difference of the control voltage and the ground. Further, Lye, Cook, and Hass fail to disclose while the output circuit outputs the differential signal, the at least one of the first, the second, the third, the fourth transistors of the output circuit operates at a saturation region.

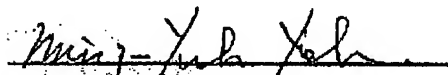
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Therefore, for at least these reasons, claims 34-43 are in condition for allowance.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Sincerely yours,


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